

DESIGNATED UST OPERATOR REGULATIONS

California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 16

§ 2611. Definitions

“Designated underground storage tank operator” or “designated UST operator” means one or more individuals designated by the owner to have responsibility for training facility employees and conducting monthly visual inspections at an underground storage tank facility. A “designated UST operator” is not considered the “operator” as defined in Chapter 6.7 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, although the same individual may hold both positions.

“Facility employee” means an individual who is employed on-site at an underground storage tank facility, and who may be called upon to respond to spills, overfills, or other problems associated with the operation of the underground storage tank system. A “facility employee” is not considered the “operator” as defined in Chapter 6.7 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code, although the same individual may hold both positions.

§ 2715. Certification, Licensing, and Training Requirements for Underground Storage Tank Owners, Operators, Installers, Service Technicians, and Inspectors.

- (a) By January 1, 2005, owners of underground storage tank systems shall submit a signed statement to the local agency indicating that the owner understands and is in compliance with all applicable underground storage tank requirements, and identifying the designated UST operator(s) for each facility owned. The owner shall inform the local agency of any change of designated UST operator(s) no later than 30 days after the change.
- (b) Effective January 1, 2005, designated UST operators shall possess a current certificate issued by the International Code Council (ICC) indicating he or she has passed the California UST System Operator exam. The individual shall renew the ICC certification, by passing the California UST System Operator exam, every 24 months.-
- (c) The designated UST operator(s) shall perform monthly visual inspections of all underground storage tank systems for which they are designated. The results of each inspection shall be recorded in a monthly inspection report. The monthly visual inspection shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Reviewing the alarm history report or log for the previous month, and checking that each alarm condition was documented and responded to appropriately. A copy of the alarm history report or log, along with documentation describing action taken in response to any alarm(s), shall be attached to the monthly visual inspection record.
 - (2) Inspecting for the presence of hazardous substance, water, or debris in spill containers.
 - (3) Inspecting for the presence of hazardous substance, water, or debris in under-dispenser containment areas, and checking that the monitoring equipment in these areas is located in the proper position to detect a leak at the earliest possible opportunity.

- (4) Inspecting for the presence of hazardous substance, water, or debris in containment sumps that, in the past month, have had an alarm for which there is no record of a service visit, and checking that the monitoring equipment in these containment sumps is located in the proper position to detect a leak at the earliest possible opportunity.
 - (5) Checking that all required testing and maintenance for the underground storage tank system have been completed, and documenting the dates these activities occurred.
 - (6) Verifying that all facility employees have been trained in accordance with subdivision 2715(f).
- (d) The designated UST operator(s) shall provide the owner or operator with a copy of each monthly inspection report, and alert the owner or operator of any condition discovered during the monthly visual inspection that may require follow-up actions.
 - (e) The owner or operator shall maintain a copy of the monthly inspection record and all attachments for the previous twelve months. The records shall be maintained on-site or, if approved by the local agency, off-site at a readily available location.
 - (f) By July 1, 2005, and every twelve months thereafter, the designated UST operator(s) shall train facility employees for which he or she is responsible in the proper operation and maintenance of the underground storage tank system. For facility employees hired on or after July 1, 2005, the initial training shall be conducted within 30 days of the date of hire.
- (1) The training for facility employees must include, but is not limited to:
 - (A) The operation of the underground storage tank system in a manner consistent with the facility's best management practices.
 - (B) The facility employee's role with regard to the monitoring equipment as specified in the facility's monitoring plan.
 - (C) The facility employee's role with regard to spills and overfills as specified in the facility's response plan.
 - (D) The name of the contact person(s) for emergencies and monitoring equipment alarms.
 - (2) At least one of the facility employees present during operating hours shall have current training in accordance with subdivision (f)(1). For facilities that are not routinely staffed, the designated UST operator shall implement a facility employee training program approved by the local agency.

A list of facility employees who have been trained by the designated UST operator(s), shall be maintained on-site or off-site at a readily available location, if approved by the local agency. The list shall be provided to the local agency upon request. The list shall include the dates of training for all facility employees, and the hiring dates for all facility employees hired on or after July 1, 2005.